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26 December 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of Mission C278C

25X1A 1. General: Idealist/Tackle Mission C278C was alerted  
25X1A on 17 December 1968. This was a round robin mission flown  
out of [REDACTED] designed to remain 20 miles off shore.  
Launch and recovery was accomplished on 19 December 1968.  
Pilot was [REDACTED] This was his first  
operational mission.

Preplanned Mission Data:

Distance	1106 NM
Time to Landing	3+15 Hours
Mission Profile	Maximum Altitude
Take-off Fuel	895 Gallons
Fuel Reserve at Hi Cone	250 Gallons

Targets: This mission was programmed for use of the  
"H" Camera Configuration to obtain photographic coverage  
of 22 COMIREX targets. The route was planned to obtain  
photographs of coastal targets from Shanghai south along  
the China mainland [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1C 2. Actual Mission Data: [REDACTED]

a. Target Coverage: 25X1C

(1) Of the 22 programmed COMIREX targets, 11  
were covered with photo interpretability ranging  
from poor to fair.

(2) There were 18 bonus COMIREX targets  
photographed on this mission.

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(3) Fourteen bonus non-COMIREX targets were also photographically covered.

b. The weather along the route was as follows: The first leg was Category I and II (0 to 2/8 cloud cover). Legs two and three were clear. Legs four and five were Category III and IV (3/8 to 7/8 cloud cover). The last leg was Category II and III (2/8 to 4/8 cloud cover). The weather for the first half of the mission was slightly better than briefed, whereas the last half appeared to have slightly greater cloud coverage than briefed. There was light haze present throughout the entire mission.

3. Air Defense Reactions (CHICOM):

a. Radar Tracking: CHICOM tracking did not begin plotting the mission aircraft until 0244Z (forty-four minutes after take-off). During that time the [REDACTED] monitor station was intercepting CHICOM plots of other [REDACTED] aircraft. Tracking from 0244Z was continuous until 0521Z for a duration of 2+37 hours.

b. Fighter Reaction: [REDACTED] indicated a MIG patrol from Lu Chiao Airfield was in the air at 0353Z heading 180 degrees. No contrails were observed and no intercepts attempted.

4. [REDACTED]

5. Elint Analysis: The recordings from this mission were of good quality. There were no unusual signals recorded.

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6. Photo Analysis: Of the 43 total targets covered, one was considered good, 19 as fair and the remaining 23 were rated poor on interpretability. Overall quality was fair with 20 per cent cloud cover. There were also 32 targets listed as covered but for identification only. Degradation was attributed to obliquity and haze with clouds being a contributing factor.

7. Maintenance: Article 385 was flown on this mission. With the exception of one minor autopilot write-up, there were no discrepancies.

8. Communications: Radio, nav aids and [REDACTED] operation was satisfactory.

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[REDACTED]  
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/ Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, IDEALIST Division, OSA

Attachments - 2  
Route Overlay  
Target Coverage

IDEA/OSA/B [REDACTED] :res (26 Dec 68) 25X1A

Distribution:

- 1 - D/SA
- 2 - D/O/OSA (w/o attchmt)
- 3 - SSD/R&D/OSA (w/o attchmt)
- 4 - INTEL/OSA (w/o attchmt)
- 5 - D/M/OSA (w/o attchmt)
- 6 - IDEA/OSA
- 7 - RB (w/o attchmt)
- 8 - Holdback

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Overall interpretability was fair with 20% cloud cover. Mission provided coverage of China Coastal Areas 3050N 12255E to 2520N 11920E. Photo interpretability ranges from poor to fair.

CHINA TARGETS COVERED:

- 11 of 22 programmed targets covered
- 18 bonus COMIREX targets covered
- 14 bonus non-COMIREX targets covered

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43 Total targets covered

BREAKDOWN OF TARGETS BY CATEGORY:

- 4 Airfields
- 4 Coastal Defense Sites
- 11 Naval Facilities
- 8 Electronic Installations
- 15 Military Complexes
- 1 City Complex

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## TARGET COVERAGE FOR IDEALIST TACKLE MISSION C288C, 19 DEC 68

(CHINA TARGETS)

25X1A COMIREX NO	NAME OF INSTALLATION	INTERPRET- ABILITY	REMARKS/WEATHER
1	Lo Hua Island	poor	scattered clouds
2	Kouchi Island	poor	haze
3	Kou Chi Shan Possible Army Barracks		not covered due to 100% cloud cover
4	Chen Chien Shan Army Bks	poor	haze
5	Wo Ching Tou Port Facilities	fair	clear
5	Chang Tu Shan Tao Army Bks	fair	clear
7	Pai Chuan Army Barracks	poor	clear
8	Ting Hai Army Bks E.	fair	clear
9	Ting Hai Naval Base and Shipyard		not covered
10	Kuan Chuang Tsun Shipyard	fair	clear
11	Liu Heng Army Bks E.	fair	clear
12	Hai Men Hq 16th Bd Div		not covered
13	Lu Chiao A/F	poor	scattered clouds
14	Pu Men Cheng Poss. Electronics Site		not covered
15	Pd Men Chang Naval Installations		not covered due to 100% cloud cover
16	Tinghai Radar Site		not covered due to 100% cloud cover
17	Pei Ling Peninsula Cruise Missile Site		not covered
18	Hai Tan Tao AW Radar Fac. (Tat'ing)		not covered
19	Ping Tan Army Bks SW		not covered
20	Ta Chiu Sigint and Radio Comm. Site		not covered
21	Ping Tan Naval Base		not covered
22	Lung Tien Airfield (Fu Ching)	fair	clear
23	(BONUS COMIREX TARGETS)		
24	Nan Chiu Shan Cruise Msl Site	fair	clear
25	Tai Shan Island Radar	poor	clear
26	Tachan Chuang Radar	fair	haze
27	Fu Chou/I Hsu Airfield	poor	haze
28	Tai Shan Airfield	fair	clear
29	Sha Cheng Port Facilities	poor	clear
30	Ta Hsieh Submarine Base	poor	clear
31	Ma Wei Naval Base & Shipyard	poor	scattered clouds
32	Chen Chien Shan CD Site	poor	haze
33	Chang Lo Hq 13 Bd Div	poor	scattered clouds
34	Li Chia Army Bks NE	fair	clear

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(CHINA TARGETS)

[illegible]